

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a Final Office Action dated February 23, 2006. Prior to this amendment claims 1-2, 6-16, and 20-28 were pending. After amending claims 1, 6, 12, 15, and 26-27, and canceling claims 2, 7-11, 14, 16, 21-25, and 28, claims 1, 6, 12-13, 15, 20, and 26-27 remain pending.

Replacement drawings are enclosed to replace the informal drawings initially filed with the application. To comply with PTO standards, Fig. 3 has been expanded to Figs. 3a and 3b. The specification has been amended to reflect the changes in the numbering of the drawings.

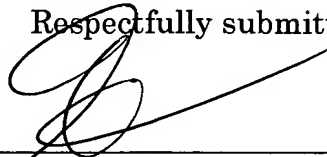
In Section 3, claims 1-2, 6-10, 12-16, 20-24, and 26-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Tomizawa et al. (2001/00053161).

Section 4 of the Office Action states that claims 11 and 25 would be found allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the subject matter of the base and intervening claims. In response, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2 and 7-11, now canceled. All claims dependent from claim 1 should also be found allowable. Likewise, claim 15 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 16 and 21-25, now canceled. All claims dependent from claim 15 should be found allowable. The Applicant neither expressly agrees nor disagrees with the stated reasons for allowance.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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